

## Fergus County Argus.

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For President:

WILLIAM MCKINLEY,  
Of Ohio.  
For Vice-President:  
GARRETT A. HOBART,  
Of New Jersey.

### REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican state convention is hereby called to meet at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, September 18th, 1896, at the city of Helena. The purpose of said convention will be to nominate candidates for a full set of state offices, a representative in congress, three presidential electors, one associate justice of the supreme court, the election of a state central committee to serve the ensuing two years, and for the transaction of such other business appertaining to the Republican party in Montana as may come before it.

The several counties in the state will be entitled to representation in said convention as follows:

Beaverhead	12	Carbon	6
Cascade	12	Chouteau	13
Custer	12	Deer Lodge	12
Deer Lodge	12	Granite	12
Granite	12	Jefferson	18
Jefferson	18	Lewis & Clark	15
Lewis & Clark	15	Madison	15
Madison	15	Musselshell	12
Musselshell	12	Park	15
Park	15	Ravalli	12
Ravalli	12	Sawyer	12
Sawyer	12	Valley	3
Valley	3	Yellowstone	10

The Republican county committees of the several counties in the state will proceed to call county conventions as usual and elect delegates and alternate delegates to said state convention as above apportioned. In the matter of nominating candidates for judges of the several judicial districts the committee recommends that in all cases where the district is limited to one county the regular county convention make the nomination at the same time it nominates candidates for all other county offices. In other cases, where the district is composed of more than one county, let delegates to the state convention from the counties comprising a district meet at the time and the place of the state convention and there agree and make the nomination for the same, being guided by such instructions, if any, as have been given by their respective county conventions.

The following rules have been adopted for the government of the Republican state convention in Montana and are now in force:

First—Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected in future to state conventions, and in the event of the failure of a delegate to attend, the alternate delegate shall cast the vote of the delegate whose alternate he is.

Second—In the absence of the delegate and his alternate, a majority of the delegation from that county shall cast the vote of the absentee.

Third—In the absence of all the delegates and alternate delegates from any county, no vote shall be cast for such county.

Fourth—In the county in which the state convention shall be held, when any delegate and alternate shall be absent, there shall be no vote cast in their behalf.

Fifth—Delegates and alternate delegates must be Republican residents of the county which they represent.

By order of the state central committee.  
LEE MANTLE, Chairman.  
THOMAS C. CUMMINGS, Secy.

### REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

In accordance with the call of a state convention by the state committee, a county convention of selected delegates will meet in Lewistown September 2nd, 1896, for the purpose of selecting sixteen delegates to the state convention in Helena on September 18th, 1896, and the selection of candidates for county offices as follows: sheriff, clerk of the district court; treasurer, clerk and recorder, assessor, superintendent of schools, public administrator, county attorney, coroner, surveyor, three county commissioners and two members of the legislature.

Primaries to select delegates to the county convention will be held on Saturday, August 29, 1896, at the regular polling places in each precinct, the apportionment being as follows, being one delegate for each 20 votes or fraction thereof cast for C. S. Hartman for congress at the last election:

Stanford	4	Stuart	2
Wareham	1	Box Elder	1
Philbrook	2	Alder Grove	1
Utica	1	Liberty	1
Liberty	1	Gift Edge	1
Halbert	1	Salmon	1
Cottonwood	3	Crow	1
Rose Fork	1	Musselshell	1
East Lewistown	1	Sahara	1
West Lewistown	7	Lavina	2
East Fork	1	Findon	1
Deerfield	1	Pinon	1
Maiden	3	Kilby	1
Trout Creek	1	Wilder	1
Moccasin	1	Moccasin City	2
Grass Range	2	Upper Cottonwood	1
Forest Grove	1		

Polls will be open at 2 o'clock p.m. and close at 4 p.m. except in East and West Lewistown and Gift Edge where they will open at 2 p.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Montana has a platform of her own and gives each voter the right to vote on national issues as he chooses and on local issues it is very important that we work in harmony and as a unit. McKinley Republicans and "Bryan Republicans" have equal rights and privileges in both the primaries and county convention. In unity there is strength.

A. J. STEPHENS, Chairman.  
W. T. McFARLAND, Secretary.

### WHICH YOUR CHOICE?

"To all our products, to those of the mine and the field, as well as those of the shop and the factory, to wool, the products of the great industry of sheep husbandry, as well as to the finished woolsens of the mill, we promise the most ample protection"—Republican National Platform.

"Wool, for instance, is the chief raw material in the woolen industry, and it has been placed upon the free list. Whether the tariff on wool has raised the price of wool to the sheep grower above the point it would have reached without a tariff, is a question which has been discussed rather than settled. Speaking for myself, it is immaterial in my judgment whether the sheep grower receives any benefit from the tariff or not."—Mr. Bryan's speech in Congress.

The Popocratic presidential ticket stands at a ratio of two to one.

Tom Watson, the 2nd vice president of the Demo-Pop ticket, was not at the New York ratification meeting. Pressing engagements at home prevented his attending.

The next state election is that of Vermont which occurs on Sept. 1st. The election in Maine will be held on September 14th. Both states will be found in the Republican column.

Tom Watson says Southern Populists "will not vote for Bryan because he has endorsed the principles of our party," but they will repudiate Mr. Sewall. Mr. Watson ought to be good authority.

The Pittsburg Bryan reception committee, accompanied by R. P. Bland and his wife, called on Major McKinley while awaiting Mr. Bryan's arrival. Brief addresses were made and general good feeling prevailed.

Mr. Bryan made a short address at Canton, home of Major McKinley, on his way east and was constantly interrupted by cheers for the Republican nominee. Bryan should have passed through Canton in the middle of the night.

Mr. Bryan's speech in Madison Square Garden, New York, where he went to be notified of his nomination, was something of a disappointment. Besides a poor voice, which was injured en route, he read his speech from a manuscript and could not be heard by a large majority of those present.

Last week while people were dying from sunstroke and suffering the tortures of heat all over the east, the weather was delightfully cool in Montana during the day time while one or two evenings a fire was found necessary for comfort. Surely we have something to be thankful for in the Rocky mountain region.

The Populists of this state are going to make the Democrats dance to their music. It is stated that the only grounds upon which fusion can be brought about are that the Democrats shall endorse the entire Populist state ticket in return for the support of Bryan and Sewall electors. It remains to be seen whether the Democracy will take the medicine.

Congressman Hartman came out in an open letter last week attacking Editor J. M. Quinn of the Butte Miner, because the latter scored him for saying that he would not accept a nomination by the Democrats. Quinn comes back and attempts to show that Mr. Hartman is not a devoted champion of silver. The controversy is more personal than otherwise, hence is not of special importance in a political sense.

The managers of Mr. Bryan are worried over his silly and impolitic utterances and they have good reason for alarm. In his trip across the country he has probably done himself more harm than good. One of the most conspicuous incidents of the exercise of poor judgment was at Ada, Ohio. At this point in replying to an address of welcome Mr. Bryan said, "I am not distributing post-offices yet, but I hope to before long." If Major McKinley should make such a foolish and unkind remark as that, exhibit such incoherence of thought, he would be considered unworthy of the high office to which he aspires.

Old soldiers who have any thought of voting for the "boy orator" and the Popocratic platform should take the advice of that old veteran, Gen. David E. Sickles, who recently wrote a comrade as follows:

"You and I are comrades not accustomed to use blank cartridges in the presence of an enemy, therefore I don't propose to throw away my vote on a third candidate. Nor are we in the habit of withholding our fire when assaulted, therefore I mean to stay home and not vote at all. I shall give a patriotic vote for my comrade, Major McKinley, believing that in so doing I am repeating what I did in 1864, when as a war Democrat I voted for Lincoln and the Union."

Our contemporary says "Cleveland has been repudiated by the Democrats and that the Republicans have taken him in." While Republicans prefer Cleveland to Alge, Tillman, Coxey and Mrs. Leuse, they have no use for any of them. It was only two years ago that one of the owners of the Democrat voted so loud in endorsing Grover Cleveland that he could be heard in an adjoining county, and if we remember rightly he was a member of the committee on resolutions which drafted the following:

"We hereby express our cordial approval of the administration of Grover Cleveland and our confidence in his ability to guide the destinies of our country through the difficulties by which it is beset."

Grover Cleveland was just as much opposed to silver then as he is now.

If the Democratic party comes into power in all the departments of this government it will not destroy industry. It will not injure labor. It will bring prosperity, joy and happiness, not to a few but to everyone without regard to station or condition. In that day, to use the words of another, "Democracy will be king!" Long live the king!

The above words were uttered by Wm. J. Bryan on March 16, 1892. Well, the Democratic party came into power and what has been the result? It has proven Mr. Bryan a false prophet in every particular. There has never been such distress before in the history of this government. Instead of "joy and happiness" there is anxiety and grief. Now this same political quack doctor has found a new remedy but it is from the same bottle, only labelled differently. Are the people going to be caught in the free trade net that is being set for them?

**Doomed to Defeat.**  
Although the national campaign has but just opened there is every indication of a sweeping Republican victory. Thorough organization is being perfected in every state and men of every industry, calling and profession are enlisting under the banner of McKinley and protection. Democrats by the thousands are deserting the free trade, anarchist party and coming out for the Republican nominees. The commercial travelers regardless of party are organizing in every city of importance in the union.

Railroad men, from presidents to section hands, are joining clubs east and west in large numbers, prepared to battle for Republican principles. Even bicyclists have caught the enthusiasm and McKinley and Hobart clubs are being formed from the Atlantic to the Pacific, making a unique yet powerful factor in the campaign. In nearly every state Republican speakers are greeted by thousands who seem to have lost none of their old time enthusiasm and faith in the Republican party. Test votes in shops and factories show that not forgotten the free traders' promises made three years ago. McKinley succeeds as their favorite ten to one in some instances.

Democracy, however disguised, is the same old wolf and should deceive no one who has the welfare of his country at heart. It is going down in ignominious defeat and will not be entrusted with power again for a quarter of a century.

The Republican campaign was opened in Ohio last week with speeches by Senator Sherman, Senator-Elect Foraker and S. L. Woodford, the latter of Brooklyn, before an audience of 10,000 at Columbus. In the course of Foraker's address, which was brilliant throughout, he said that he had given the better part of two days to the reading of Bryan's speech of acceptance and that when he had finished perusal of eight columns he had realized why Bryan was called "the boy orator of the Platte" for geographies tell us that the Platte was noted for being 1,000 miles long and but six inches deep.

### Our Position.

Our contemporary publishes an editorial from the Argus of April 2nd, the object being to show that we do not entertain the same views as regards the issues that we did then. The writer thinks he has made a point because he then spoke of Messrs. Mantle and Hartman as the proper men to send to St. Louis to represent the Republicans of this state and do not now endorse their action in bolting. Our position was stated clearly in an editorial prior to the convention which we reproduce on this page.

We believed then and we believe now that nothing could be accomplished by bolting the platform, the silver plank, and platform of that convention. Since the Chicago and St. Louis conventions have been held, their nominees and platforms placed before the country, we are more than convinced that Messrs. Mantle and Hartman have made a mistake. They surrender what we believe to be the chief issue in this campaign, the silver plank, and hypocritical promises of Alge, Tillman and Bryan. How can these men support Bryan and Sewall without giving their approval to every plank in the platform? Is it, as some one has suggested, because they believed, if elected, they would prove false to everything else and stand by their declarations on the money question? This may be a proper estimate to place on Democratic promises, but we believe they are just as liable to prove false to silver as to any other declaration in their platform. There are other western men just as devoted to silver as Messrs. Hartman and Mantle—men like Senators Woodcock and Carter, Strevel and Marshall—who will not forsake everything that is dear to them in the Republican party for an empty Democratic promise. We say empty because we believe this country will never see free silver at the hands of that party. Although it may be silent and foxy now as to the question of free silver in its efforts to secure votes, it would take advantage of the first opportunity to fasten that policy upon the country. People are on to the scheme and will not be misled by false pretences. The only difference between the two platforms on the silver issue is that the Republicans believe that there should be an international agreement as to free coinage while the Democrats contend that this country should make the attempt alone. While many Republicans believe that independent bimetalism is practical this difference is more than offset by the linking of free trade with free silver, saying nothing of the other repulsive declarations of the Chicago platform. To term such men "gold-bugs" may satisfy a feeble intellect, but it will not deter them from doing their conscientious duty.

### We Stand Pat.

The Democrat of last week published a clipping from the Argus of April 2nd and attempted to make out that this paper had hedged from its former position on the money question. This is entirely false, though we acknowledge that we are disappointed and chagrined at the action of Senator Mantle and Congressman Hartman since the St. Louis convention. The following is republished from our issue of May 17th, which shows our position at that time and every word of which we now reiterate:

The editor of the Democrat commenting in last week's issue on the selection of delegates and alternatives to the Butte convention, stated that the "delegation is almost solid for 'sound money.'" In other words, opposed to the free coinage of silver. This statement is absolutely false as the writer well knew. The delegates from this county will be unanimous for free silver and protection and will so vote in the convention. They will heartily support Carter, Mantle and Hartman as delegates to the National convention and trust to their wisdom to do the best they can for every western interest.

While the delegation is strongly for "bimetalism and protection" and favor using every honorable means to secure the recognition of both at St. Louis, we do not believe they would favor a bolt on the part of our national delegates should they be unable to secure all they desire in behalf of silver. Woolgrowers and silver men are an important industry in this state, particularly in eastern Montana. Fergus county, the chief woolgrowing county of the state, is today paralyzed by the Democratic policy of free wool, and all business has suffered severely because of this assault upon one of our most important industries. Our delegates are familiar with this fact—so is the editorial writer on the Democrat—and they have a double duty to perform. They must look to the interest of wool as well as silver. We have silver mines and wool developed. But the sacrifice of one industry will not benefit the other. Both the Populist and Democratic parties are opposed to protection for wool. The Republican party has been friendly to silver in the past and under the guidance of its statesmen the white metal will again be restored to its place in our monetary system. The Populist party is all things to all men to obtain power, but once installed its campaign pledges are as lightly tossed as a feather. The grand record and able to contemplate what its future will be in the up-building of American industries, they

should abide by the decision reached by the majority of that august body. All other roads now visible lead to disaster and disgrace.

### FERGUS FOR MCKINLEY.

A Prominent Citizen of This County Truthfully Describes Political Sentiment.

The Helena Herald of recent date continued the following letter from Hon. W. A. Hedges of Yale: "I was informed last Saturday by the cashier of the Fergus County Bank that the net proceeds of wool to date from sales and advances do not average five cents; and I believe it. A very few sales were made in the state at upwards of eight cents. Advances started at seven cents, and as buyers withdrew gradually dropped to three and a half cents. Upwards of a million pounds of wool is left at Great Falls, at Billings, and nearly that at Big Timber. Unable to do anything satisfactory with wool, and in need of money, I went as far as Omaha with some wethers from two to three years old, and could not get an offer on them there; so I sent them on to Chicago where they netted me little better than \$1 per head."

"Now, briefly, we in Eastern Montana can see but one thing in the Democratic platform, the silver plank, that we can commend at all; and everything else we condemn. On the other hand, we can see everything in the Republican platform to command our party fealty, with the one exception of the plank relating to silver coinage by international agreement. We shall vote the Republican ticket and work for its success, believing that free coinage in the hands of the imbecile Democracy will be made a farce and a by-word."

"Messrs. Mantle and Hartman both received cordial support from Fergus county. If they expect us to support Bryan and renounce our belief in the principles of protection they ask more than we are disposed to give, and our ways must part. Mr. McKinley embodies the highest type of American sentiment and ideas. For four years we have prayed that he might be the Republican nominee, and now that he is, we propose to vote for him. For my part, I have no idea that he would oppose any legislation favorable to silver. On the national ticket vote for McKinley and Hartman, and for congress only such as are favorable to protection as well as silver."

"The Republican ticket will grow stronger every day, and Bryan with his Democratic-Populist ideas, will lose strength rather than gain. I by no means give over the battle to the enemy."

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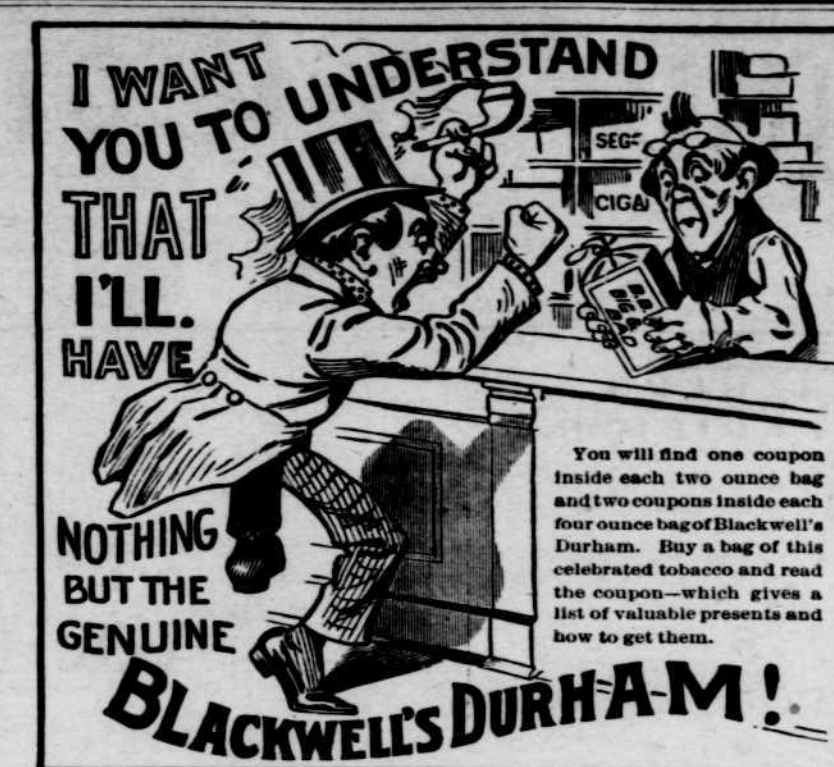
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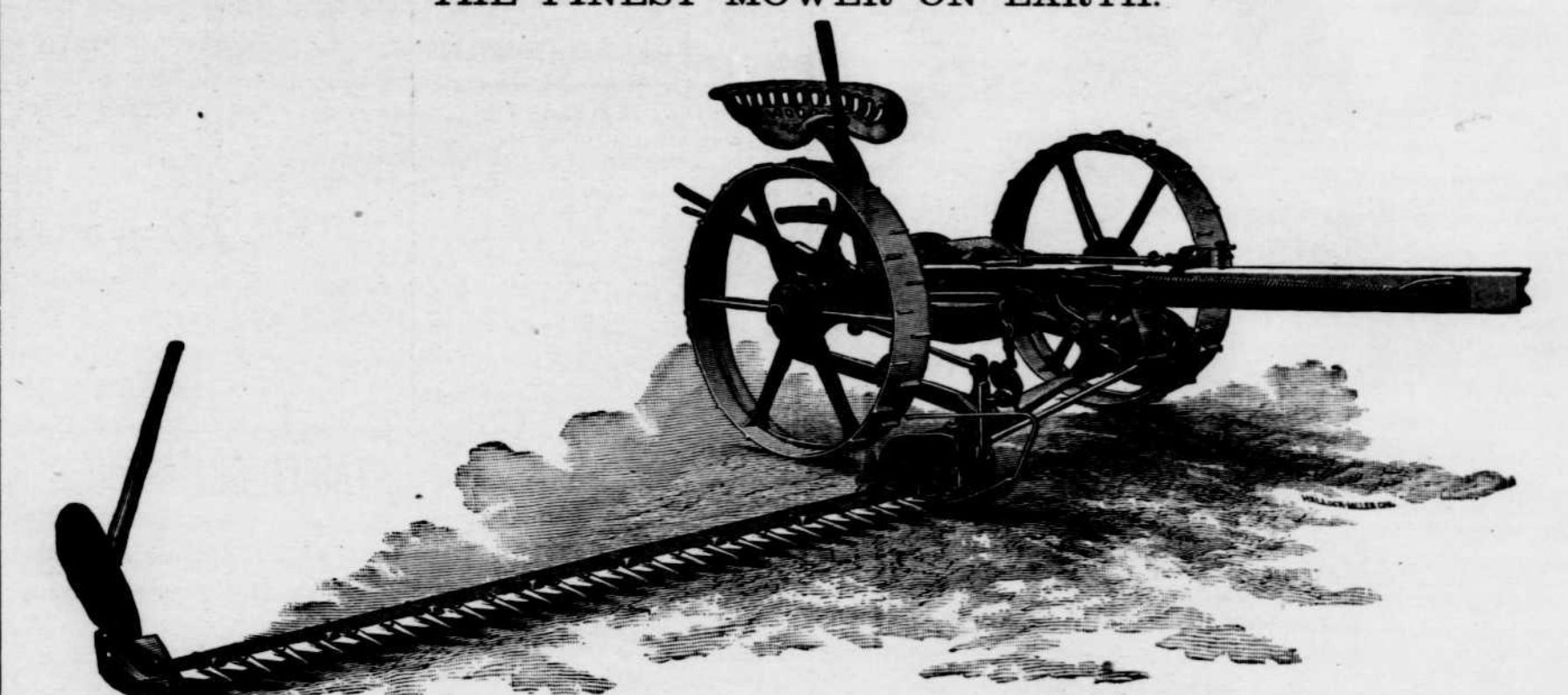


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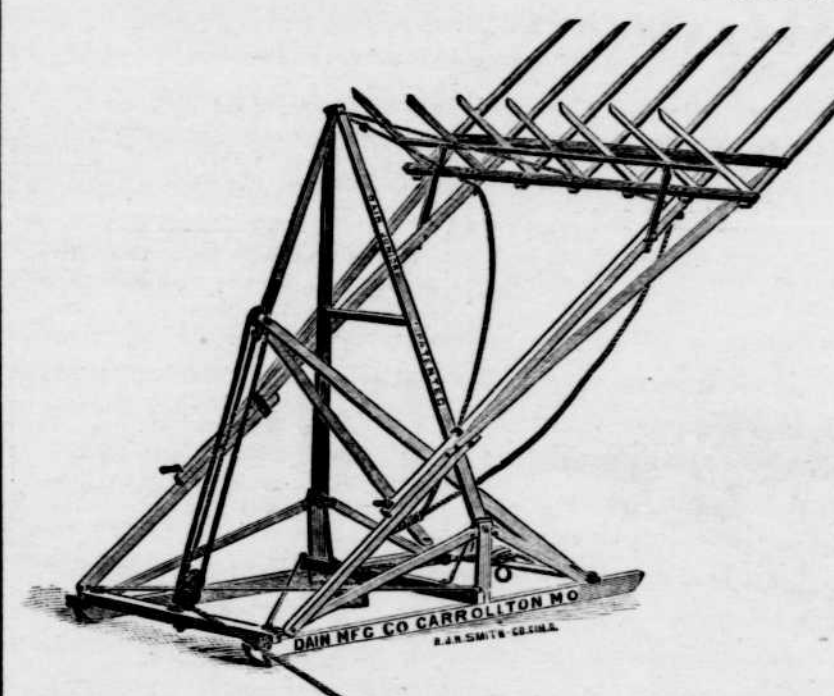
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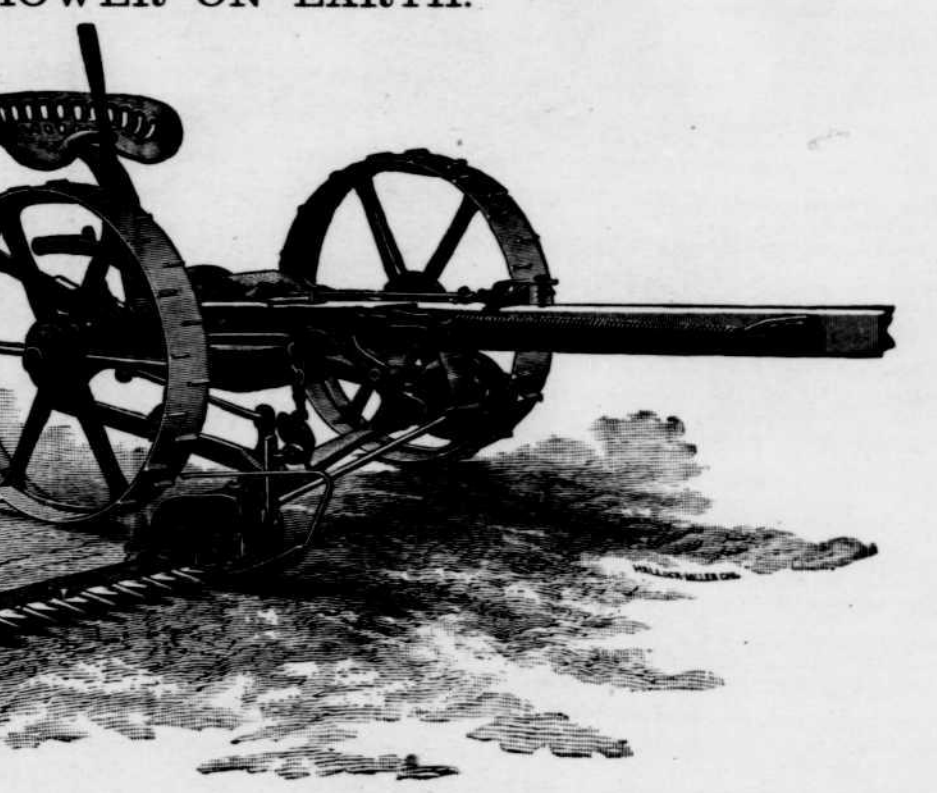
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